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Nominations Are Started By Local 483

First nominations for the election of officers for Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, were accepted last week, with a full slate not named and with further nominations at next Wednesday night's (June 15) meeting.

Ballots will be cast by members of Local 483 at special polls to be constructed at the union's headquarters, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5.

Absentee ballots may be procured and voted by members who will not be in Salinas on July 5, but they must be cast early as count must be completed in time for installation of new officers on Wednesday, July 6, according to union Secretary George L. Rice.

Those nominated last week in the first nomination meeting include:

For President — Charles Osterloh.

For Vice President — No nominees.

For Secretary-Treasurer — Geo. L. Rice.

For Recording Secretary — No nominees.

For Chaplain—Frank Haggin.

For Guard—George Love.

For Trustees—Edna Cook, Harvey Rose, Richard Conzelman, Pearl Robinson and Alfia Bartianelli.

For Central Labor Council Delegates—George Love, George Constant and John Schlitt.

Purity to Build Third Market In Salinas Area

Construction of the third Purity super-market in the Salinas area was expected to be started at once following announcement last week that contract for the building had been let by the Purity Stores, Ltd., headquarters in San Francisco to Younger Bros., general contractors.

J. B. McGinley, business agent for Salinas Laborers Union 272, said the new market would be a "drive-in" type store at East Alisal and Hebbron streets, in Salinas.

The market will be of typical Purity Stores style, with the arched roof. There will be 6000 square feet of store area, he said. The two existing stores are to be retained, it was announced.

Laborers have been called to the Sanborn School job by Contractor Leonard English, McGinley added.

Contractor Archibald of Oakland is starting a big sewer project in the Soledad area, using laborers of Local 272.

The Bechtel Co. of San Francisco is moving in equipment preparatory to start of a big pipelaying job from the southern part of this county to near San Jose. Members of Local 272 are expected to be called to this job by next week, McGinley concluded.

In Union Circles

Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Ward, prominent in Monterey union circles, returned last week from trip to Michigan, Canada and Pacific northwest. Brother Ward, financial secretary of Carpenters 1323 and former Building Trades Council business agent, said the motor trip was most enjoyable and that they saw a great portion of the country during their seven weeks of travel.

James Bolin, business agent of Monterey Painters Union 272, was called to Ada, Oklahoma, last week by the serious illness of his mother. He is expected to return by the middle of next week.

Fred Miller, business agent for Monterey Building Trades Council, will leave on Friday for Canada and a hunting trip, during which he will visit friends and relatives. He is expected to be back by July 1.

Next week is "Big Week" for the Salinas area, with the California Rodeo (June 16-19) taking up the bulk of interest but with excitement at fever pitch for all residents and visitors in the area. Many union members will find extra work during the week.

PAINTERS SET CONTRACT MEET FOR THIS WEEK

Representatives of painting contractors and of Painters' Union 1104 of Salinas were scheduled to meet on Tuesday of this week to continue negotiations on a new agreement covering the industry in the Salinas area.

Carl Lara, union secretary, said that some points at issue in regard to a new agreement had been settled but that other points were yet to be decided before a contract could be drawn and signed.

Continuing organizing efforts in the southern part of the county, Secretary Lara of Painters 1104 was to meet with the two Jones' brothers and their three painters of Jones' Painting Service at Soledad on Monday in regard signing of a union agreement for the shop.

McIntyre Painting Service of Salinas has been awarded the painting contract on the new Sanborn school being erected in the eastern area, near Salinas.

David Hamilton, Salinas painting contractor, has contract for painting of the new addition to the Greenfield school.

Cannery Row Enjoys First Silent Summer

Governor Warren signed the bitterly protested bill last week to outlaw the "summer pack" of sardines and Monterey's famed Cannery Row is enjoying a "silent summer" season with almost no activity at all, union officials report.

Some workers were called to help in warehouses which were being cleared of some of the stored sardines and products but those working were inconsequential in number as compared with those who have found summer employment in the past.

The bill signed by Warren sets dates for the sardine fishing season as August 1 to January 15 and prohibits taking of sardines at other periods. Unions protested the bill as not necessary for conservation of the sardines, scarce in years past but returning now in plenty, it was said.

New Building of Carpenters 1323 Due by Sept. 1

Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 is expecting to move into its new meeting hall and office building at Irving and Hawthorne Streets, in New Monterey, by the first of September or thereabouts.

Being built by Stolte, Inc., the new building will house eight office rooms, a large meeting hall and a banquet room in the basement.

Work, started a few weeks ago, is progressing well with the frame work for the sides and roof nearly completed.

Lettuce Price Hits New Low; Shutdown Seen

With the price of lettuce down to $1.75, a new low on the New York market, lettuce shippers in the Watsonville-Salinas area were holding emergency meetings last week in an effort to find some means of bringing the price back up or of coming to some agreement on a controlled system of shipping whereby all plants can keep in operation.

Many lettuce workers were idle during the week as some plants closed due to the low price brought by the lettuce. The shippers claim that the $1.75 price does not even cover the costs of packing and shipping the lettuce.

Pickets in Tears

Gary, Ind. — Girl pickets are marching with tears in their eyes before the big strikebound Muir Pharmacy here. But it's ammonia fumes, not pathos, that tickles the tear ducts.

Management sprinkled the walks with an ammonia compound when 10 girls, members of Local 1460, Retail Clerks International Association (AFL) struck for union recognition. The picketline is augmented by five more women, alleged to have been fired for union activity.

The girls were drawing $20 to $24 for a 48-hour week.



WOUNDED BY UNKNOWN GUNMAN.—Education Director Victor G. Reuther of the United Auto Workers, brother of UAW President Walter P. Reuther, being taken to Ford Hospital in Detroit. He was shot and wounded in his home by an unknown assailant with this double-barreled shotgun (insert) found outside his window.

Nominations Open Friday

Nomination of officers for Salinas Central Labor Council will be opened at this Friday night's regular meeting, it was announced early this week by Secretary Bud Kenyon.

There will be no meeting of the council on Friday of next week because of the many radio activities at that time.

Nominations will be re-opened and concluded at the meeting of June 24, and election will be held at that time.

Sanborn School Sub-Contractor List Compiled

List of sub-contractors on the construction of the new Sanborn School east of Salinas was compiled last week and is listed herewith as a service to building trades unions. General contractor on this project is Leonard English, of Santa Cruz. Sub-contractors include:

Excavation—Jim Evans, Felton.

Concrete—Central Supply Co., Salinas.

Reinforced Steel—San Jose Steel Co., San Jose.

Lumber—Pacific Lumber & Supply Co., Santa Cruz.

Radiant Heating, Plumbing, and Sheet Metal—Baggett Co., Salinas.

Structural Steel—San Jose Steel Company.

Masonry—DeMaria Bros., Monterey.

Glass Block Insulation—Sargent Tile Co., Santa Cruz.

Roofing — Walter N. Sons, Santa Cruz.

Plastering—Lou Jorgensen, Salinas.

Painting — McIntyre Painting Service, Salinas.

Mill Work—Salinas Planing Mill

Blackboards, Tack Boards—Sonnell Co., San Francisco.

Glass and Glazing—Cobbledick & Kibbe, San Jose.

Linoleum, Asphalt Tile—Miller-Andrews Co., Pacific Grove.

Accoustical Tile—L. H. Clauson, Santa Cruz.

Drain Tile—Sawyer Tile Co., Salinas.

Venetian Blinds — Continental Blind Co., San Francisco.

Insulation, Weather Strip—Coast Counties Insulation Co., Santa Cruz.

Incinerator — Albany Concrete Co., Berkeley.

Doors — Gleason & Co., Emeryville.

Electric Wiring and Fixtures — Louis Electric Co., Salinas.

Chain Link Fence — San Jose Steel Co.

Aluminum Screens— Ceco Steel Products Co., San Francisco.

Fire Stops

Fire stops are means of cutting off the space between the studs in a wall so that there is no flue action from one floor to another. There are various ways of doing this, depending on the type of framing used, but it is essential that walls, floors, stair runs and attic eaves be properly fire stopped. Good fire stopping is the cheapest protection you can build into your house.

Here Are Your Representatives

(Use home address when Legislature or Congress is in recess.)

U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.
Home: 100 McAllister St.
San Francisco, Calif.

U. S. Senator Wm. F. Knowland
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.
Home: Tribune Tower
Oakland, Calif.

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Congressman E. K. Bramblett
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.
Home: 549 Hillcrest Ave.
Pacific Grove, Calif.

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State Senator Fred Weybret
The State Capitol
Sacramento, Calif.
Home: 22 Hawthorne St.
Salinas, Calif.

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Assemblyman James W. Silliman
The State Capitol
Sacramento, Calif.
Home: 236 Hawthorne St.
Salinas, Calif.

Want Rodeo Job? Contact Culinary 467

All unemployed culinary workers and others interested in work of this nature during the California Rodeo celebration in Salinas, next week, should contact Culinary Alliance 467 at once at the union's offices at the Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro street.

Secretary Bertha A. Boles of Local 467 said she is compiling a list of extra workers for call to restaurants and cafes during all of "Big Week" and for service at the Rodeo grounds. A number of good jobs are still open. Be sure to contact the union by the end of this week, she warns.

Labor Council Rodeo Float Being Built

Special workmen under direction of a committee from the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas are spurring construction of a float to be entered by the labor council in the Colmo del Rodeo, big Saturday night parade feature of the California Rodeo at Salinas.

The float will carry the "handshake" insignia of the American Federation of Labor and will be of flowers. Frame work is nearly ready for mounting on the truck and final details, including the floral work, will be done next week, according to Carl Lara, committee secretary.

Women Get Breakfast On the Picketline

Logansport, Ind.—Breakfasts are being served on the picketline to members of the International Garment Workers Union (AFL) on strike at the H. W. Gossard Co. here.

More than 500 strikers here and 350 in a similar shutdown of a Gossard plant in Washington, Ind., seek 19c an hour increases, six paid holidays and other adjustments in working conditions.

Boss Lobby Pushes Injunction Whip in New Anti-Labor Bill

Building Jobs Up, But Housing Lags

(AFL Release)

Washington. — Employment in contract construction in mid-April totaled 1,965,000, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is an increase of 127,000 workers over the revised March estimate, and is 32,000 above the number employed in April 1948.

For the first four months of 1949, total expenditures for new construction amounted to $5 billion, against $4.8 billion for the corresponding period of last year.

At the same time, the Bureau reported that home-building activity moved sharply upward in April, with 86,000 new permanent nonfarm dwelling units strated. This represents a gain of 24,000 units, or 39 per cent, over the preliminary March estimate, but is 13,500, or 14 per cent, under the number started in April 1948, when home building was approaching the highest monthly rate on record.

The Bureau's estimate of 244,000 new dwelling units put under construction during the first four months of 1949 is 35,500 (13 per cent) under the corresponding period of 1948.

Telegraphic reports from principal cities of the United States show seasonal increases in most sections of the country in the number of new dwelling units authorized for construction by local permits issued. Among the cities showing substantial increases were Montgomery, Ala.; Denver, Colo.; Washington, D. C.; Baltimore, Md.; Greensboro, N. C.; East Orange, N. J.; New York, N. Y.; and Seattle, Wash.

Gains in the first part of 1949 were pronounced for most types of public construction. Expenditures for educational facilities totaled over a quarter of a billion dollars from January through April

Natl. Apprentice Committees Named

Personnel of the five national joint management-labor apprenticeship committees, appointed May 21 by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin as policy-recommending groups to the Bureau of Apprenticeship, includes leaders of unions and management in the industries.

The trades represented in the new policy committees are the electrical, painting and decorating, sheet metal work, bricklaying, and stained glas swork. Members of the committees are:

ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY

For the I.B.E.W.: Robert E. Noonan, of Washington, D.C.; Harry Williams, of Local No. 212, Cincinnati; J. Clyde Williams, of Local 68, Denver; Pres. Dan W. Tracy, of Washington, D.C.; Charles R. Brett, of Local No. 110, St. Paul, and W. C. Johnson, of Local No. 349, Miami.

PAINTING AND DECORATING

For the Painters' Union: L. P. Lindelof, of Lafayette, Ind.; James P. Knoud, of Philadelphia; Edward Ackerley, of Tarrytown, N.Y.; Geo. J. Tuckbreiter, of Chicago; L. M. Raftery, of Lafayette, Ind.; and M. H. Crow, of Marshall, Tex.

SHEET METAL WORKERS

For the Sheet Metal Workers Union: Pres. Robert Byron, of Washington, D.C.; Sec. L. M. Wicklein, of Washington, D.C.; John F. Klatt, of Local 24, Milwaukee; William M. Hawkes, of Local 28, New York; Joseph J. Kaberlein, of Chicago, and Frank Bonadio, of Washington, D.C.

BRICKLAYING COMMITTEE

For the Bricklayers Union: Pres. Harry C. Bates, Vice-Pres. A. J. Cleland, Sec. John J. Murphy, and Treas. Thomas F. Murphy, all of Washington, D.C.

STAINED GLASS INDUSTRY

For the Pianters' Union: Trovatore Mainini, of Boston; Alfred Motherwell, of Long Island City; Harry Pederson, of New York, and Harry Simons, of Philadelphia.

PHILLYS CARPENTERS

Philadelphia — A strike of 7000 carpenters ended in less than one week as the Metropolitan District Council of Carpenters (AFL) okayed a new contract providing a 15c hourly wage boost.

Displaced Persons Bill OK Is Urged

The following letter was sent to California Congressmen on May 26 by the California State Federation of Labor:

"HR 4567, amending the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, will shortly be before the House of Representatives for final passage.

"This bill permits the entrance of an additional number of displaced persons and removes the discriminatory racial and religious clauses which exist in the 1948 act. It is expected that the bill will provide for the entrance of 339,000 displaced persons.

"The bill as it now stands goes a long way toward achieving the objective affirmed by the California State Federation of Labor's 1948 convention. In that convention the following statement with respect to displaced persons was adopted: 'Due to the miserable plight of millions of people existing under the most terrible conditions in Europe, the Federation further declares itself in favor of legislation to admit a minimum of 400,000 displaced persons found eligible for U. S. citizenship, without discrimination as to race or religion.'

"I know that you will be acting in accordance with the wishes of the labor movement and of all fair-minded citizens in voting for this bill.

"Sincerely yours,
"C. J. HAGGERTY, Secy."

Fewer Jobless in U.S. in Early May

(State Fed. Release)

New unemployment throughout the United States declined among workers covered by state unemployment insurance systems during the week ending May 14, according to reports compiled by the U. S. Federal Security Agency. Initial claims declined from 354,300 to 344,400 with 28 states participating in the decrease. Secondary unemployment caused by the Ford labor dispute prevented a further decline in total initial claims, but with the settlement of this dispute, pending arbitration, a further decline in unemployment should occur.

This news seems to confirm the opinion held by government and other analysts that the past period of unemployment and falling prices was an adjustment of supply and demand resulting from wartime conditions, rather than the beginning of a major depression.

Other factors also indicate that the American economy is in a relatively strong position. The decline in prices, at least at the consumer level, has halted temporarily, and as reported in the Weekly News Letter for May 25, 1949, p. 2, the BLS consumer price index rose slightly in March and April. In addition, corporate profits for 1948 and for the first quarter of 1949 are at a high level (Weekly News Letter, May 18, 1949, p. 4) according to incomplete reports of the National City Bank. These reports were confirmed by the U. S. Federal Trade Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission's final and comprehensive report for 1948, which shows net profits after taxes at 13.9 per cent above 1947 levels for all manufacturing corporations.

Our present system of social security benefits and farm supports has also cushioned the readjustment and has prevented violent repercussions which would otherwise have occurred from unemployment. Marked increases in productivity in the past year have been reported in scattered and incomplete form from several sources while further and still greater increases can confidently be expected during the coming year, so that declining production costs should make it possible for industry to absorb price cuts and still afford wage increases.

HOLLYWOOD CLERKS

Hollywood — Filmland's eight major studios were signed to a new 5-year contract by Local 174, Office Employes Intl. Union (AFL) representing 2200 clerical employes in the studio offices.

Anti-Union Club Is Hidden in AB-1359

(State Fed. Release)

Apparently abandoning their "hot cargo" and secondary boycott legislation, employer groups have shifted their concentration onto **AB-1359** (Levering), which purports to restrict "featherbedding" practices. This bill, in its amended form, threatens to mar cooperative union-management relations with constant recourse to the budgeoning anti-labor weapon of injunctions.

Levering's pet concern in introducing this proposed legislation is to reinterpret the entire basis of collective bargaining and labor relations as a unilateral process intended to grant complete priority to any and all desires and needs of employers.

Under such an interprettion, **any action undertaken by unions to improve conditions or the status of their members can be deemed to be coercion or compulsion.** The real "joker" to be hidden away in a new section of the Labor Code would condemn almost any concerted refusals to work as unlawful acts directed against "public policy" as defined by Levering in **AB-1359.**

SEND PROTEST IN!

Protests by letter and telegram should immediately be directed by all union members and their friends to their assemblymen in the state capitol against this last-minute, employer-directed offensive against the integrity of collective bargaining and labor's long-established right to negotiate through unions of its own choosing, without unfair dictation from employers or government.

Pittsburgh Bldg. Trades Decide to Ask for a Raise

Pittsburgh—The Pittsburgh Building Trades Council rejected an appeal to forego demands for a wage increase this year. The AFL council voted to press the building industry for a 25-cents-hourly pay boost.

The vote represented 17 unions with a membership of more than 17,000 and was a rebuff to an appeal made by the Master Builders Association of Allegheny County, composed of contractors.

The employers had asked the council to follow the pattern set a week earlier by the Carpenters' and Boilermakers' unions, members of the council, which signed a contract at the now prevailing $2.50 hourly rate.

In addition to voting to continue its wage drive, the council tabled a request from the builders' group to appoint a committee to discuss stabilization of the industry as inappropriate because of current contract negotiations. Contracts of the 17 unions expired May 31.

Ordinarily, under such conditions, a strike would appear imminent. But at present most of the members of the 17 unions are receiving as a bonus the 25 cents per hour extra which they want written into formal contracts. This bonus, according to union sources, is coming from independent contractors on big projects now under construction here and elsewhere in western Pennsylvania.

The building trades, which represent such groups as the hoisting engineers, plasterers, cement finishers, laborers and teamsters, to mention a few, have not struck as a group since 1921.

While the Builders Association may continue its hold-the-line policy on wages, representatives of the 17 unions are confident the independent will sign up for the increase before permitting a strike to halt work.

"WORK FOR REPEAL"

Olympia, Wash. — A joint AFL-CIO sponsored meeting here called on Senators Harry P. Cain (R) and Warren D. Magnuson (D) to work and vote for immediate Taft-Hartley repeal. The public meeting, first joint labor action against the slave labor law in this area, was called by the AFL Central Labor Council and Thurston County CIO Council.

New Laws in The Making

(State Fed. Release)

"Equal pay for equal work" is the aim of AB 160, which obtained a favorable recommendation on May 26 from the Senate Committee on Labor. This bill has already passed the Assembly and in its amended form guarantees women similar compensation for comparable job performance with men. There are many strings attached to the guarantee, but its passage would be an important victory for labor. The measure will need tremendous popular support, as the Senate killed a similar proposal during the 1947, 1945 and 1943 sessions.

Unemployment insurance benefits may be extended as a result of amendments recently introduced in the Federation-sponsored AB-806. This bill now provides that while individuals working for political subdivisions will remain outside of the benefit provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, individuals working for foundations, corporations or funds devoted to various charitable cultural, religious, or scientific purposes will become eligible for payments. This bill was set for hearing on June 6 before the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee.

The same day, this committee was also to hear the following two bills to liberalize the unemployment and disability insurance act: AB 175, to increase unemployment benefits, and AB 181, to increase disability insurance benefits.

In addition, the following bad unemployment insurance bills are set for hearing:

AB 788, providing that payments for vacation or dismissal may be deducted from unemployment insurance benefits.

AB 828, which prohibit benefits to the self-employed or those in employment not covered by the Act.

SB 313, permitting smaller contributions under merit rating.

SB 375 and **SB 378** restricting the type of claimant eligible for benefits.

SB 379, requiring the department to reveal a claimant's previous employers and the claimant's address.

AB 1877, dealing with transfer payments to the Unemployment Disability Insurance Fund.

Commercial fishing restrictions, which would have banned the use of nets in San Francisco Bay and other northern California areas, were opposed by Federation representatives before the Assembly Fish and Game Committee on May 24. This endeavor by sportsmen to force through AB 2015, despite the repudiation of Proposition No. 6, along similar lines, in the November 1948 elections, was blocked. Assemblyman Robert Condon, Contra Costa, ably assisted the Federation in breaking down the specious arguments put forth by the proponents of the measure. An attempt may be made toward the close of this session to appoint an interim committee to investigate the commercial fishing question.

Wilbur J. Bassett, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, was confirmed as a member of the State Social Welfare Board on May 25 by a 26-6 vote in the Senate. The Rules Committee had previously unanimously favored the approval of this well deserved appointment over the belligerent opposition of such anti-labor figures as Senators Tenney (Los Angeles), Kraft (San Diego), Sutton (Maxwell), Watson (Orange), Burns (Fresno) and Dilworth (Hemet). Outstanding members of the Rules Committee headed by Salsman (Palo Alto) and supported by Hatfield (Newman), exposed the selfish and biased objections of a small minority who, through personal invective, sought to abuse the reputation and ability of an outstanding labor leader who has always enjoyed great respect among all union members.

Compulsory health insurance, as proposed in Federation bill AB 863, will be heard June 14 at 8 p.m. before the Assembly Public Health Committee. If "Butch" Powers (Eagleville) recovers from recent suffered injuries within the next few weeks, a further effort will be made in the Senate by Senator Salsman to withdraw the less thorough-going SB 157 proposal for health insurance from the Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency.

Oleomargarine legislation, permitting the sale and manufacture of colored oleo, was scheduled for consideration in the State Agricultural Committee on Tuesday, June 7, at 8 p.m. The measure, AB 30, by Assemblyman Maloney and Gaffeny, has already passed the Assembly.

Workmen's compensation improvements were hit in the Senat Committee on Labor on May 26 when the Committee killed AB 191, which would have increased the pay for medical directors and assistants. The three good votes were O'Gara, Dillinger and Johnson.

CAN'T AFFORD IT

Washington — The problems in the way of improving the health of the American people are primarily economic, not medical, a Senate subcommittee was told by Acting Federal Security Administrator J. Donald Kingsley.

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WHEN WORKERS WERE SLAVES

It is considerably less than one hundred years ago since slavery was still flourishing in eleven of our southern states. Not so many years before that it was permitted and tolerated in the rest of a country that boasted of being the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

What was recognized as free labor in slavery days was a greatly restricted type of freedom. Wages were so shamefully low that the average worker's standard of living was little if any better than that of many of the better cared for slaves.

Unions, as we know them today, were literally not known and it was not until slavery was abolished in 1865 that working people began to think seriously of organizing and in the early 70's ripened into the formation of the Knights of Labor. Since then labor unions have spread and multiplied in the United States until they are everywhere. On the other hand forces are at work that would force labor back into slavery if they could make it stick.

Still we are not so secure in our freedom as most people imagine. It took the Nazis less than a year to outlaw trade unions and reduce the entire working population of Germany and all their prisoners to as hopeless a condition of servitude as ever existed. Conscription here during any war, is slavery. With the Taft-Hartley law, workers can be forced into involuntary servitude, while our country is at peace. We are far from safe.

GETTING OUT OF DEBT

Just as the happiest day in the lives of many has been that day when they got completely out of debt, so the country or the state, which is out of debt is the one that is best off. The deeper any country plunges into debt the poorer it becomes. We now are carrying a national burden of over 250 billion dollars. The interest alone on that amount of debt is over six billion dollars a year, even at so low an interest rate as 2½%. A nation so deep in debt as this has a long way to go before it can really be steadily prosperous.

By permitting ourselves to get into such an abyss of debt we are facing the concrete problem of getting out of that debt. Do you know any other way to eliminate this debt than to start paying it off? Over forty billion a year is being extracted from the American people and has been since the war ended. But how much of that was used to reduce our national debt? Shamefully little. We need some one at the helm, who understands paying off debts and who will get some of it done, pretty regularly, especially so long as we are being taxed to the tune of more than forty billion dollars every year.

We have loaned many billions to foreign countries, especially to countries in Europe but it is generally accepted that these loans will never be repaid. This means that we, the people of America, have had these loans added to our own national debt. Till we start reducing our national debt we must pay interest on the entire sum.

THE WEALTH OF THE WEST

A glimpse of the hidden and undeveloped wealth of the western states is given in a recently released report from the Department of Interior, which outlined the proposed reclamation work for the next few years. Basically, reclamation has to do with water. Because of dryness, 17 western states with more than half of the land area of the nation, have only one-fifth of the population. Vast mineral resources are locked away in mountains because lack of water has kept great regions from being developed.

The proposed reclamation program would provide water to bring under cultivation another two million acres of dry land. Another 3.6 million acres of land, already in farms, would get enough water to produce effectively. Shortage of food has frightened nations all over the world. The seven-year program would produce $3.4 billion worth of food crops each year. In addition, millions of kilowats of electric power would be developed as a byproduct of irrigation.

In the 80th Congress the reclamation program was junked. Powerful private interests wanted it killed. Yet, the whole country today faces a power shortage which will grow worse through the coming years unless new sources are developed.

The wealth of the west is incalculable but selfish interests in the east do not want it to be developed.

GETTING FACTS STRAIGHT

What means everything, when people undertake to make use of their political power, is to get the facts straight, both in regard to candidates and measures. It is not enough to listen to what people say and then blindly accept their version as set forth just before the election. Claims of candidates and their platforms should always be carefully checked against previous performance and compared with past records. Too often politicians promise everything till elected, then flop.

GRIN or GROAN

The 10 best years of a man's life are the 10 just before he stumbles and Mrs.

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Once a man and his dog were sitting on a park bench watching the pigeons. The man reached for a cigarette and found his pack was empty. Turning to the dog, he said, "Hey, Charles, do you have a cigarette?"

"No," said the dog, "but there's a place down the street where they sell them."

"Fine," the man answeredETv

"Fine," the man said, "here's a quarter, go get me a pack."

An hour later the dog had not returned, so the man went to look for him. He found the dog sitting at a bar casually sipping a Martini.

"This is a hell of a note," said the man. "Here I've always been able to depend on you before, and now you pull a trick like this. What's the idea?"

"Well," the dog sheepishly replied, "you never gave me any money before."

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Every man has his price and every woman her figure.

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Henry Atherton Jones, the old smarty,
Awakened all black and blue,
For last night his wife threw a party,
And he was the party she threw.

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Our stenographer says the difference between the words "evening" and "night" is best illustrated by the different effect they have on a gown.

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Editors always refer to themselves as "we" so that the fellow who doesn't like what's printed will think there are too many for him to beat up.

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Small Boy: "Dad, is 'Rotterdam' a bad word?"

Dad: "Why, no, son. It's the name of a city."

Small Boy: "Well, Sister ate all my candy and I hope it'll Rotterdam teeth out!"

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Asked to name the four seasons, a little Virginia girl in grammar school wrote: "Squerl, rabbit, groundhog and pold cat seasons."

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Two sailors went into a boxing arena where $50 was being offered to anyone standing up to the professional pug for three rounds.

One of the sailors volunteered to enter, with his companion as his second. At the end of two rounds the sailor was badly bruised and bleeding and very disinclined to continue the bout.

"Don't be silly," said his pal. "He hasn't laid a finger on you yet."

"Well, watch that referee then," the bruised battler said gloomily. "I'm sure getting it from someone."

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Editor and Publisher, which keeps a weather eye on the newspaper profession, relates each week some of the allegedly typographical errors which creep into the newspapers. The Muncie (Ind.) Star in relating the inauguration of Chaim Weizman as president of Israel, reported:

"Thousands of spectators lining Jerusalem's streets cheered and wet for joy as they viewed the procession."

But the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times went even further. In a classified ad, under "Antiques and Restorations," it said:

"Figures & Busts Reduced. Sensation reduction of other things. Imported old bags at your own prices."

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A man rushed up to the bookmaker and placed a $5 bill on a 20-to-1 shot. The horse won, and the bookie gave the bettor $105 in $5 bills. The man examined every bill very carefully, which made the bookmaker angry.

"What's the matter, mister? Afraid of counterfeits?"

"No, not at all. I just wanted to make sure the one I gave you wasn't here."

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Sam Carelli in Coronet told of taking his little daughter to visit a friend's farm where for the first time she saw cows, chickens and pigs. Carelli said he was in the house talking with his friend when his daughter burst in.

"Daddy," she cried, "some of the little pigs have knocked down a big pig and are chewing the buttons off his vest."

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"Still engaged to Maude?"
"No."
"Good."
"What?"
"Good, how'd you get rid of her?"
"What?"
"How'd you drop the old hag?"
"I married her."

TYPOS RENAME PILCH

Chicago— Striking Chicago AFL printers overwhelmingly indorsed their incumbent president, John J. Pilch, when they reelected him for a 2-year term over two opponents. The printers, members of Local 16, Intl. Typographical Union, have been on strike against Chicago's daily newspapers since November 1947 for union security and higher wages.



NATIONAL BRICKLAYING CHAMP.—Charles G. Adams, 19, of Little Rock, Ark., is top man among 13,000 brick mason apprentices. He waves his artistic trowel after winning title in first national bricklaying contest sponsored by Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union at AFL Union Label Show in Cleveland.

Britain's National Health Plan Is a Success, Highly Popular

A great deal is being said and written these days about the British National Health Service. Probably the best account is given in an article by Dr. Hugh R. Leavell in the American Journal of Public Health.

Dr. Leavell is a distinguished leader in public health. For many years he was Commissioner of Health in Louisville, Ky., and he is now Professor of Public Health Practice at Harvard University. His article gives an honest, clear, and objective analysis of the British program.

On the basis of his observations, Dr. Leavell states that the people of Great Britain like their new plan. They believe that having medical care as a right for everyone is a very valuable gain. They are enthusiastic because the "means test" has been abolished.

EVEN THE CONSERVATIVES

The Health Service is so popular that in recent debates in Parliament the Conservatives took great pains to point out that they were in no way opposed to the program. It was only, they said, the mistakes of the Labor government in running the plan that they were criticizing.

The medical profession also supports the program. Young men and women have not been deterred by the plan from wanting to become doctors; on the contrary, they are flocking to the medical schools, which are all full and have long waiting lists.

According to Dr. Leavell, "representatives of organized medicine in Great Britain," state that they have been dismayed at the very unfavorable reports being circulated in the U. S. on the present situation in Great Britain." It is well known that the American Medical Association is spreading such reports in their campaign against national health insurance here.

WORKING OUT KINKS

The British doctors as well as the people and the government realize that there are plenty of kinks in the new program. They are all working together to iron them out, and real progress is being made.

What are some of the shortcomings? Health centers have not yet been provided, and the plan can't really work satisfactorily until they are. The general practitioners in a good many instances have too many people on their panels, and they are burdened with a lot of paper work which has nothing to do with the health service.

Mistakes have been made in figuring out the rates of payment to doctors and dentists. As a result, practitioners who should be working in one branch of the service are being drawn off to other branches, where they are needed less, because the pay is so much higher.

MEDICS MAKE GOOD MONEY

Specialists are being paid much better than general practitioners, and dentists are leaving the school health service because the rewards for general dental practice are way out of proportion.

Although the original estimates of the cost of the plan were found to be too low, it is interesting that the cost today is only about $30 a person a year, which is less than is being spent in the U. S. today.

In addition to abolishing the "means test" and giving every man, woman and child the right to medical care, the plan has had some definite advantages. The grouping of hospitals under regional boards will, in Dr. Leavell's opinion, prove very valuable. Excellent specialist services are being built up, and these will greatly improve the quality of care.

NOT A FULL YEAR YET

General practitioners are now able to prescribe any drugs they wish and are seeing illnesses in much earlier stages than before. Most important of all, the people are getting health services now which they could never dream of getting previously.

It is still too early, Dr. Leavell believes, to judge the new plan. After all, it has not yet had even a single full year of operation. The fact that the public and the medical profession support the program and are working constantly to improve it is the best guarantee that it will succeed.

Unions Blast 'Shell' Houses

(AFL Release)

Chicago.—To protect home buyers from exploitation, the Chicago Building Trades Council (AFL) has begun a movement to correct abuses of so-called "shell" housing projects.

A committee of the building crafts began interviewing contractors on May 24 to inform them they may not use skilled union craftsmen to start a house for amateurs to finish.

Chicago veterans, desperate for a place to live, have been victimized repeatedly by promoters of "shells," who glowingly advertised "semi-finished" homes, with promises that buyers can save thousands of dollars by finishing the job themselves.

The shells usually consist of 4 walls, a few studs to hold the roof up, a subfloor, a roof and not much else. Sometimes there's a basement.

The buyer has to do the plumbing, wiring, plastering, painting, install the heating system, nail down the finish flooring, hang the doors, put on the trim and a thousand other chores he never thought of when he bought it.

Or, he can hire a specialty contractor for each of several different phases of the finishing work. The specialty contractor will charge him more than the same contractor would have charged a general contractor, so the buyer will wind up paying more than it would have cost him for a finished house.

Most "shell" buyers try to do most of the work themselves, or try to hire a handy man or two to help. If a helper is hurt on the job, the home owner, with no workmen's compensation insurance, is stuck again.

If he tries to do the work himself, he soon finds there are tricks to every trade which only experience can teach.

"With all my years of construction experience," said Earl J. McMahon, secretary-treasurer of the council and of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, "I'd be afraid to hang a door.

"Anybody can screw a hinge into a door and into a door frame, but that doesn't guarantee the door will open and shut. And an amateur who tries to fit a lock can easily ruin the door."

The council's decision follows an investigation of several weeks. Rather than wreck the hopes of family men already committed to shell homes contracts, the crafts are not starting with a flat prohibition on such construction.

Instead, the craft leaders are simply informing contractors that union tradesmen may not be used unless there is definite assurance that a project begun will be completed in a satisfactory manner.

"We are simply making a determined effort to protect the American home owner against exploitation," said McMahon.

In the process of making whiskey from grain only the starch is removed; the other nutrients are recovered and may be used for stock feed.

CONSTRUCTION

(Courtesy "Daily Pacific Builder")

CARSON CITY, Nev., highway office bldg., plans up, $870,000.

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UNIV. OF CALIF. physics bldg. addn., $987,814, Parker, Steffens & Pearce.

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RENO, Riverside Hotel addn., bids up, $600,000.

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RICHMOND, marine terminal, Texas Co., planned, $3 million.

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S. F., Children's hospital, clinic, drawings, $2,300,000.

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SACRAMENTO, county hospital, plans OK'd, $1 million.

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MERCED, county hospital, plans up $850,000.

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STOCKTON, subdivision, Woodbridge Co., $800,000, underway.

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NOVATO, subdiv., plans OK'd, 37 units, $11,000 each.

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SAN RAFAEL, sewage proj., $622,230, McGuire & Hester, and Haas & Rothschild.

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MARTINEZ, high school, drawings, $450,000.

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TRACY, high school, $524,000, M. A. Little, SF.

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TULARE, hospial $1,078,000, Trewhitt, Shilds & Fisher, Fresno.

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PORTLAND, railroad relocation, Meridian dam, $837,295, Utah Constr. Co., SF.

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MERCED, bond issue voted, schools, $1,150,000.

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RICHMOND, auditorium, taking bids, $2 million.

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MONO COUNTY, LA Water & Power, tunnels, surge chambers, $8,947,520, Guy F. Atkinson, A. Teichert, Bressi & Bevanda, and David G. Gordon.

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S.F. STATE COLLEGE bldgs., $886,224, Empire Constr. Co.

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DOS PALOS (Merced Co.) school bldgs., $879,000.

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MENLO PARK high school, bonds OK'd, $2,150,000.

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AUBURN, overhead, $1,106,646, United Concrete Pipe Corp.

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EASTSHORE freeway, Oakland, $1,337,818, Freerickson and Watson

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska, highways $5,436,036, Morrison-Knudsen, Peter Kiewit and Birch & Sons.

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S.F. Medical Center, drawings up, $10,350,000.

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STOCKTON, high school, $2,275,388, Barrett & Hilp.

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LAS VEGAS, housing planned, Frontier Builders, $3 million.

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WALNUT CREEK shopping center, planned, C. H. Eccleston, $1 million.

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S.F. elementary schools, plans up, $900,000.

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SAN MATEO, high school aud., plans up, $699,088.

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UNIV. OF CALIF., law library, plans up, $1 million.

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SAN MATEO, apt. bldg., D. D. Bohannon, plans done, $1½ million.

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SAN LEANDRO, Lucky Store, $1½ million, MacDonald, Young & Nelson.

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STOCKTON high school, $2,398,652, Barrett & Hilp.

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SAN MATEO hospital, planned expansion, $1 million.

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SOLEDAD medium security prison, plans done, $10 million.

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LADD AIR BASE, Alaska, $2,260,500, B. & M. Constr., Oklahoma City.

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BRAWLEY hospital, $1,137,777, F. E. Young Co., San Diego.

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CAMARILLO state hospital, $3,250,696, Williams & Burrows and Carl N. Swenson.

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LOS ALAMOS, N. M., Atomic Energy Comm., apt. bldgs., $7 million.

Station WFDR Opens

New York (LPA)—WFDR, the third radio station backed by the International Ladies Garment Workers, AFL, is in operation. It went on the air on a part-time schedule in time to hail the election of Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., son of the last president, whose initials are the station's call letters. It is expected that a full operating schedule will be established by mid-June.

Farm Employment Up

Washington. — Farm employment increased 750,000 in April, but still was 4 per cent under a year ago, the Agriculture Department reported. Farm employment was put at 11,089,000 for the week ended April 23. Of this total, 2,011,000 were hired workers.

Living Cost Up On Food, Rent

(Labor Department Release)

Washington, D.C.—Retail prices of goods and services purchased by moderate-income families in large cities advanced 0.1 percent between March 15 and April 15, 1949, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. Higher average retail prices for foods, rents, and miscellaneous goods and services more than offset a drop in fuel prices and a continued decline in prices of apparel and house furnishings.

The increase was too small to offset substantial decreases in the preceding two months and one result will be that about 341,000 employees of the General Motors Corporation, whose wages or salaries are geared to living costs, will take a slight pay cut for June, July, and August. For employees paid by the hour the reduction will be 1 cent. For salaried personnel the cut will amount to $5 for the quarter.

Actually, however, hourly employees will receive an increase of 2 cents per hour effective June 1. May 29 is the anniversary of the contract signed a year ago. The contract provides for an automatic 3-cent-per-hour "improvement factor" increase, geared to the steady increase in efficiency of American industry as a whole. Thus while losing 1 cent an hour under the cost-of-living clause in the contract, the 3-cent improvement factor increase will bring a net increase of 2 cents for the quarter beginning June 1.

The consumers' price index on April 15, 1949, was 169.7 percent of the 1935-39 average, 0.2 percent higher than a year ago, 27.3 percent above June 1946, and 72.1 percent over the August 1939 level.

Average retail food prices increased 0.6 percent from mid-March to mid-April, but were still 1.0 percent below January of this year and 6.5 percent below the high of July 1948. Food price changes were varied over the Nation. Average retail food prices advanced in 37 cities, decreased in 17 cities, and were unchanged in two. The retail food price index on April 15, 1949, was 202.8 percent of the 1935-39 average, 2.5 percent lower than a year ago, but 39 percent above June 1946.

AUTO HINTS

Erratic Auto Wheels.—Badly worn parts in the steering assembly may cause a car to develop front wheel "shimmy" when traveling at low speed, according to the California State Automobile Association. "Shimmy" at high speed is usually caused by unbalanced wheels and tires.

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Battery Terminals.—As soon as corrosion appears on the terminal posts of an automobile battery, the cables should be removed from the battery posts and all corrosion should be removed with a wire brush. It also is advisable to scrape the inside of the cable terminals with a knife or blunt instrument. Before replacing the cables, apply a coat of vaseline to the terminal posts to retard recurrence of this condition.

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Don't Guess.—Be wary of the driver who gives vague arm signals, for careless signalling is usually the mark of a careless driver. It's safer to slow down until such a driver executes the action his signal was intended to convey.

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Your Responsibility.—Traffic laws, enforcement, and highway engineering are all vitally important to traffic safety, but in the final analysis the prevention of traffic accidents rests with individual drivers. Keep alert. Don't get hurt.

U. S. Homes Still Lack Modern Conveniences

Washington. — Despite the nation's high standard of living, about one-third of the homes in the United States lack either cooking equipment, a kitchen sink, or a bathtub-shower, the Census Bureau reported.

In cities, only 2 out of 10 living quarters lack all 3 conveniences, the bureau said. In rural nonfarm areas, the ratio is 4 out of 10, and in farm areas 7 out of 10.



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If you are not buying your gas in these places you are tearing down your own working conditions and wages; these stations pay union wages and conditions to its employees and they are entitled to the patronage of our members who buy gas with union money earned on a union job.

The meeting dates for the month of June are as follows:

Salinas regular meeting June 14 at the Moose Hall, 121-A Monterey St. at 8 p. m.

Monterey regular meeting June 16 at 315 Alvarado St. at 8 p.m.

Shop stewards meeting June 21 at 8 p. m. at the union office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas.

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SENATOR WEYBRET

Last year prior to the election when State Senator Weybret was running for office of State Senator, this union brought out through news and facts the anti-labor record of Senator Weybret as it pertains to working people and urged our people to go to the polls and defeat Senator Weybret because we knew that he was not interested in the welfare of the working people, but represented the suitcase farmer, or rather Associated Farmers; the proof of this lies in the fact that last week in the California Legislature anti-union Senator Weybret from this district voted in favor of an amendment to the Unemployment Insurance, any unemployed member when applying for unemployment insurance, that, if offered a job doing anything, and the individual applying for this insurance refused to take the job, he then would be unable to collect insurance.

Meaning that if a truck driver and you earned your living in the past years at that occupation and through no fault of your own became unemployed and applied for unemployment insurance the employment office could offer you a job working in the field doing agricultural field work and if you refused to take the job at 75c per hour, you then would be disqualified from drawing your unemployment insurance.

Senator Weybret has continually voted in favor of emasculating the unemployment law so that our members when unemployed will be forced to take any work whatsoever at whatever wages the job offers to try to exist. **Remember this, at the next election when Senator Weybret calls upon you for your support and vote. Incidently, Senator Weybret lists his occupation as retired, which indicates very little interest in the working men and women.**

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As this goes to press our kiddies show will have come and gone and if it is as successful on June 4 as it has been in the past a record turn out will be had. However, our next kiddies show will be June 18 at the Salinas High School Auditorium at which time we urge all our members and their friends to have their children be sure and attend the kiddies shows as we have planned many surprises for the kids, and of course it is all free.

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TO ALL MEMBERS:

Blood donors are needed from time to time; if your blood has been typed and you are willing to donate blood which incidently, may save someones' life drop into the office of the union and notify the office secretaries and they in turn will put your name on our list of donors for future reference.

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PRODUCE DIVISION

Negotiations are still in progress covering the lettuce trucks and we urge you to watch this column for future announcements, in any event, a special meeting will be called to further discuss this contract.

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Negotiations are at a standstill at this time, but should be settled in the near future; at which time the members will be notified and called to a special meeting. The negotiations in this industry depend somewhat upon the settlement that will be reached in the produce division.

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It has been noted that several members have been cited before the executive board lately for violation of the working agreement; a number of the members have been fined and two were expelled from the union completely with the loss of their jobs for not turning in their overtime for time worked; this fact is brought out for any of our members who are knowingly violating the working agreement. The executive board of local 890 does not and will not tolerate violations of the contracts by our members when over the years it has taken hard work and strife to get these agreements and conditions and executive board feels that those who are tearing down these conditions are better out of the union than in.

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The following letter is self-explanatory and we urge all our members to read it very carefully as this will be rigidly enforced by the union and its executive board.

March 18, 1949

Dear Member:

This letter will serve as official notice of the following action taken by your organization at its general meeting at Carpenters Hall, Salinas, California, on January 16, 1949, as a result of a recommendation made by your executive board. (Executive board met at the union office on December 30, 1948.)

1. That all members must attend at least one general meeting each quarter.

If you reside in the Salinas area, you shall attend at least one meeting every quarter; such meeting being held at the Moose hall, 121-A Monterey St., Salinas, California, the second Tuesday of each month.

If you reside in the Monterey area, you shall attend a least one meeting every quarter; such meeting held at 315 Alvarado Street, Monterey, California, the second Thursday of each month.

Failure to attend will be subject to a $2.50 fine; such fine shall be due and payable before any dues.

2. Any member who fails to attend a negotiation meeting for his or her division after being officially notified by the union, shall be subject to a $5.00 fine; such fine shall be due and payable before any dues.

This action regarding fines for non-attendance of meeting will go into effect beginning with the second quarter of the year. This action applies only to members living in the Salinas area and/or in the Monterey area where regular scheduled meetings are held monthly.

Members residing in areas such as Gilroy, Hollister, King City, and San Juan shall not be subject to the above provisions except when a meeting is called in their immediate area regarding any union business at which time they will be subject to the provisions contained in this letter for non-attendance.

Enclosed you will find a copy of revised by-laws; read them carefully.

Trusting you will give this your immediate concern, we remain,

Fraternally yours,
PETER A. ANDRADE,
Secretary-Treasurer

'Look' Poll on Taft Is a Laugh!

Now we know that Look Magazine isn't even trying to get honest results in its notorious public opinion polls. In the June 7th issue, Look comes up with the astonishing announcement that Washington press and radio correspondents almost unanimously named Robert Taft as the Senator "who contributes the most to his country's welfare."

It takes a lot of gall to unblushingly offer such propaganda about the man who authored the Slave-Labor Act, who has consistenly opposed sound medical insurance, who attempted to cut out housing aid to subsistence farmers, and who engineered the Dixie-GOP scuttling of civil rights legislation.

Look admits it questioned only 100 correspondents . . . probably all carefully hand-picked for the right answers.

It is doubtful that Look's warped opinions will do Taft any good in '50. People are a little skeptical of a poll that only six weeks ago had the crust to announce that "Taft-Hartley aims still popular with workers" in spite of the fact that only 27 per cent of the workers polled favored the act.—(LLPE).

Australians have never experienced a "White Christmas"—it is summer time in the Southern Hemisphere when Christmas comes.



OPENS UNION SHOW—Sec. L. M. Ornburn of the Union Label Trades Dept. broadcast over a nationwide hookup from the opening of the annual AFL union label show in Cleveland. Thousands of valuable prizes and free samples were offered visitors by the participating unions.

Newsreels Show Bias

New York.—Newsreels are more biased than the press and radio, the weekly newsletter In Fact charged in its May 30 issue, in the first of a series exposing the newsreel industry.

"The motion picture camera is an artful liar," In Fact said. "Celluloid is flexible; it can be cut and scenes re-enacted to fit any script; sound tracks can be juggled; the pictures can show one event while the commentary describes another. . . . All of these can happen—and have happened—in the newsreel business."

The newsreels, In Fact said, are controlled by tighter monopolies than the press and radio, the major public opinion media. Five companies — 20th Century-Fox-Movietone, Warner-Pathe, Paramount, Universal and Hearst-MGM-News —dominate the field.

"During the war and since, the newsreels have been saturated with anti-labor propaganda," the expose said. In Fact cited the current strike by the United Auto Workers against the Ford Motor Co. as the most recent example of biased coverage.

While a picture of picketlines flashes on the screen and union speakers are shown urging the workers to stay out, the commentary speaks of the demand for cars and of inter-union disputes. There is little or no mention of the speedup and other issues involved, In Fact reported.

Newsreel views of labor in action are mainly those which show some form of violence, picketing, etc., In Fact said, "while neglecting the constructive contributions unions make all over the country."

Prior to the last general election, newsreels made a show at giving each presidential candidate some free advertising whenever the election was taken up on any newsreel program. Truman and Dewey got 90 percent of the time, as a rule, each getting a fairly equal amount of time to speak, but when it came time to show Wallace, there were only a few, not too complimentary pictures, and audiences rarely, if ever, heard anything spoken by Wallace, a typical illustration of newsreel censorship.

The Memorial Day massacre during the 1937 Little Steel strike was cited by In Fact as the classic example of newsreel suppression. Film companies which had movies of police shooting down pickets refused to release them until months after the killings, In Fact said, when the LaFollette committee insisted they be made public.

Along with their anti-labor line, newsreels peddle pro-military propaganda. To the tune of martial music, shots of new planes, ships and rockets "build up public support for bigger appropriations and a stronger hand for the military in domestic affairs," In Fact charged. One reason why there is such an abundance of military propaganda is that the Air Force, Army Signal Corps and Navy Dept. make free film available to all of the newsreel companies.

Bulk of U. S. Industry Located in 10 States

Washington. — Despite wartime dispersion of factories, two-thirds of the nation's postwar industrial establishments are concentrated in 10 states, the Census Bureau reported.

The top 10 states, ranked in terms of value added to raw materials by the manufacturing process during 1947, are New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, California, Massachusetts, Indiana and Wisconsin. The bureau arrived at that ranking as a result of its 1947 census of manufacturers, the first in 8 years.

Fair Deal Bogs But Repeal of T-H is a Must

(LLPE Release)

Reports out of Washington indicate that the Democratic leadership in the Senate has decided to postpone part of the "Fair Deal" program until next year. However, Taft-Hartley is still on the must list for this year.

The main obstacle to passage of a respectable repeal bill seems to be the writing of a "national emergency" clause that will be acceptable to enough conservatives and liberals to get a majority vote.

AFL leaders have agreed to accept a bill authorizing the President to "seize and operate in behalf of the government for 30 days any struck plant or industry whose idleness threatens to bring about a national emergency."

INJUNCTION INEFFECTIVE

Even conservative Senators and Representatives realize the ineffectiveness of injunctions in actually promoting peace in national emergency disputes. It is hoped that the seizure plan will secure majority support and clear this major stumbling block.

Evidently Senator Taft's "liberal" statements about many concessions somehow were left out of his bill (slated to be pushed as a substitute for the Thomas Bill). All of the most objectionable features are retained. For example, it prohibits closed shop, prohibits secondary boycott, and allows every grievance to be made into a court suit. But, worst of all, the substitute provides for even worse use of the injunction than under the Taft-Hartley Act. In so-called national emergency situations the President can get an injunction at any time without even an emergency Board inquiry. In the case of unfair labor practices the General Counsel has complete discretion to issue an injunction once a complaint has been issued. Since it now takes literally years to get a decision, the injunction would throttle a union for indefinite periods even though the charge might be declared invalid years later.

The above should be enough to show the peculiar comparison between the Taft version in the Senate and the Wood version in the House. Both are completely unacceptable.

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Local 483 Reports

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MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

June 4, 1949.

Now that our bright, shiny, new Willys Jeepster has been delivered to the local, and is on the streets for display and advertising purposes, the Jeepster Contest has really gone into high gear. Committee Chairman Andy Church reports that tickets are going very well, and that he is receiving excellent cooperation from members of our union. And a few rivalries are beginning to develop over which group is going to sell the greatest number of chances on the Jeepster. Andy reports that the boys at the Anchor Bar are well in the lead now, but the crew at The Corral are determined to overtake them and assume the lead. More power to both groups —they're setting a fine example for some of the "late starters" who haven't yet started to really sell tickets! If you've been slightly reluctant to plunge in and get your tickets sold, perhaps the sight of the fine Jeepster will be just the spur you've needed to get action. It is a most attartcive little car, and it's hard to imagine anyone who wouldn't bet their one dollar Welfare Fund donation on the nose in an attempt to take the honors. Talk it up amongst your friends, and let's put this contest over with a bang!

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The employment picture in our area has changed for the better during the past few weeks. At the present time we are facing a shortage of good, experienced waitresses and cooks. If you have friends with experience in either of these trades, please send or bring them to our union office. The bartender situation still hasn't improved as much as we'd like to see it, but there are indications that the summer business which our community will be getting from now on will create jobs for some of our unemployed bartenders.

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The membership meeting last Wednesday night was the jump-off for nomination of officers for the 1949-1950 term. Elsewhere in this paper you'll find a listing of the nominees to date. The final nomination will take place on Wednesday afternoon, June 15, at the union hall, starting at 2:30 p.m. Your secretary hopes that the hall will be filled to overflowing at this important meeting. The degree of success which your union will attain during the coming year will be determined to a very large extent by the character of the officers who will be chosen. Do YOUR part and insure that qualified members are selected as your representatives.

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The discussions being held with the Board of Governors of the Navy Commissioned Officers Mess (Open), relative to employment of members of our union, have progressed very satisfactorily to date. Several adjustments in wages and conditions have been made by the Officers Mess, signifying their willingness to meet and adhere to union conditions in the operation of the bar and dining room. Further discussions will be carried on in the near future in an effort to gain California State Unemployment and Disability Insurance benefits, as well as Federal Old Age Security, for the members employed at the Officers Mess.

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Meanwhile, the contract discussions with the KarmelKorn fountain restaurant have become deadlocked. A mediator from the California State Mediation Service has stepped into the discussions, at the request of the KarmelKorn representative, Mr. Robert Norton, of Watsonville Employers' Council. No further meetings have been scheduled, and it appears that unless the mediator is successful in arbitrating the dispute, the case will have to be resubmitted to the Central Labor Council, with a request for strike sanction. A further report on this situation will be made at the next membership meeting on June 15.

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An alarming number of claims for wages due have been submitted to the union office during the past few weeks. Most of the claims are for overtime worked which has not been paid for by the employers. The standard work day, as defined by our union contract, calls for eight hours of work, with time out during the eight-hour period for one meal. Any member who is working more than eight hours per day is entitled to time and one-half pay for the extra time worked. It is obvious, however, that several of our members are making things tough for themselves as well as for their fellow members by failing to do their share to uphold the working conditions which our contract calls for. It is sad but true to note that some of our people are working overtime day after day and are not getting paid for their extra efforts. This practice leads some employers to believe that the union contract isn't much good after all, if union members themselves are going to violate the conditions in an effort to curry favor with their boss. It is a recognized fact that every union member owes loyalty to their employer, and must and should do their share to contribute toward the success of the business by rendering the best type of service to the guests and customers. It is inevitable that some overtime work is required from time to time in the serving of customers. This is a recognized part of our industry. When this overtime work happens every day, and takes as much as an hour or more, instead of a few minutes, it quite properly becomes of concern to the entire organization. The members who knowingly permit themselves to be worked overtime day after day, without being properly paid for the work, are failing in their responsibilities and loyalties to themselves, their fellow workers, and their union organization. For we do have responsibilities to our union as well as to our employers, and each must be lived up to. Let's see if we can't achieve a neat balance in our sense of obligation to our employer and our fellow worker and union. Surely, we want our place of employment to prosper and be profitable. That means more security on the job and more money for the worker as well. We want our customers to receive the quality food, beverage, and service which will bring them back to our place of employment time and again. That is a necessity for a successful business. But we also want to maintain fair and equitable standards of employment throughout the industry. We want all of our union members to be treated with the respect and decency to which they are entitled. We have agreed to certain standards of employment for the industry, which we term wages, hours, and working conditions. The member who violates these standards, time after time, and fails to do his share to uphold the bargain which has been arrived at for the majority, is certainly going to lose not only the respect of his fellow workers, but he is going to lose his self-respect. And, paradoxically, he will lose the respect of the employer for whom he breaks conditions! Look around you, and you are certain to see examples of what we're speaking of. If by any chance you fail to find any, drop in at the union office and look over some of the case histories on file —other examples of members who have broken conditions for months and months, and have finally turned to their union for assistance! Wage claims submitted to arbitration which antagonized our employers, and which could have been avoided—had the member upheld the standards which were set for the industry. Think these things over for yourself, and then make up your mind to do your fair share to uphold the wages, hours and conditions which we have worked hard, over many years, to get.

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Don't forget the final nomination of officers—next regular meeting, June 15, at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

GEORGE L. RICE,
Secretary.

Factory Pay, Hours Drop

Washington, D.C. — Average weekly earnings for the 12.1 million production workers in the Nation's manufacturing plants decreased from $53.63 in March to $52.62 in mid-April 1949, according to preliminary estimates made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. Primarily because of the shortened workweek since the end of last year, weekly earnings have been reduced nearly $2.50 below the record level of $55.01 reached last December. Readjustments of output to lower demand levels in a large number of manufacturing industries continue to be reflected in employers' hours reports. Over the month, weekly hours dropped from 39.0 to a new postwar low of 38.3 in mid-April. The current average workweek is almost two hours below that of April 1948.

Welfare State Answer To People Starving

Santa Cruz.—A new kind of liberalism — the "liberalism of the welfare state" is replacing the "old liberalism" which left men free to starve in slack times.

The new liberalism, Dr. Peter H. Odegard of the University of California told the California Association for Social Welfare, "recognizes that the rights of freedom, security and justice are not opposed to one another but are essential parts of a well-administered state."

"With our Social Security legislation, unemployment insurance, minimum wage laws, and other features of a welfare state, we are striving to put a foundation under the lives of individuals so that they may be free to choose a course in which their best potentialities can find expression," he said.

Labor Peace? Not Under Creed of Rich

There can be no industrial peace in the United States or in the world so long as big business, through the cartel-like monopolies now being nurtured by the National Association of Manufacturers, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and the American Newspaper Publishers Association persist in their credo that the accumulation of great wealth, payment of fat dividends and enormous salaries to those who neither toil nor spin is superior to the rights and lives of the workers who made that wealth possible, was the thought that Lee Mason, nationally known worker in the field of organized labor, conveyed when he addressed a strike meeting of members of the Miami Typographical Union.

Mason, who in 40 years of battling for the rights of the little man, has addressed more than a thousand strike meetings, said that the history of labor controversies in this country is written in the blood of workers, in the anguished tears of the wives and mothers of those who labor, and in the broken futures of their children. Mason emphasized that the fight of labor is not that the fighters themselves might enjoy the fruits of their victories, but that the children of today and of generations to come might not be crushed in the treadmill of selfish management.

Mason credited John S. Knight, newspaper tycoon and publisher of the Miami Herald, with saying: "Until we can control labor as it ought to be controlled, we cannot control our own newspapers," and asked, "Who is this Caesar who sharpens his teeth" in fighting for control and monopoly of newspaper publishing in Miami and other cities?

During the course of his address, Mason reminded his listeners that for 50 years the publishers of Chicago's daily newspapers had worked in full harmony with the Typographical Union; there had been no strikes, no serious controversy of any kind, but within 30 days after John S. Knight acquired the Chicago Daily News, trouble and strife began to brew, and finally Knight caused the brew to boil over and plunge the five newspapers in Chicago and the 1,600 union printers they employed into a strike that is not yet settled after more than 16 months.

Mason said that the anti-labor, union-busting policies of John S. Knight and the Chicago Daily News had caused a stench which made the Chicago stockyards "smell like a bed of roses."

Miami Typographical Union will be 40 years old this summer. In all that time there had never been any serious controversy between the union and the publishers. Each side had worked together in peace and harmony and negotiated in an atomsphere of good will and understanding, but soon after the Knights acquired the Miami Herald and the Tribune, which they killed in the first month of ownership, they initiated a campaign of union wrecking which culminated last December 23 in a forced strike of the union against the Herald and was followed a week later by the lockout of the union printers on the Miami Daily News, owned or controlled by former Governor James M. Cox, but whose management is under the thumbs of his fellow Ohioans, the Knights of Akron.

Vinson to Probe B-36 Program

Washington.—An investigation of the air force program for B-36 heavy bombers was promised May 26 by Chairman Carl Vinson (D., Ga.) of the House armed services committee.

The B-36 is the main reliance of the air force for stragetic bombardment. The air generals have been fighting with the navy over giving first priority to the B-36 as against naval carrier based bombers.

Defense Sec. Louis A. Johnson ruled in favor of the air force. Orders for B-36's were increased and navy plans for a super carrier were ordered stopped. The navy countered with the charge that the B-36 is too expensive and cumbersome and that many of its speedy jet fighters could bring the B-36 down. A challenge by navy fliers to try the B-36 in mock combat has not yet been accepted.

In any investigation launched by Vinson's committee it seems likely that Johnson will have to answer for his personal connections with B-36 production. The big plane was designed and is produced by Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corp. Johnson, until he succeeded the late James Forrestal as Defense Secretary, was a Consolidated-Vultee director.

Vinson said he would ask his committee to look into "when this bomber was purchased, why it has been purchased, how it was purchased, and any and all other collateral matters."

PATRONIZE UNION SERVICES.

Taft Admits He Proposes A "Poor House" Health Plan

(LLPE Release)

Robert Taft met his match last week when he testified before the Senate Labor Committee in opposition to National Health Insurance. When liberal Senators Pepper, Humphrey and Murray got through with him, Taft had not only stubbed his toe but was lying flat on his face.

Any Ohio voter who is still under the impression that Taft is a consistent, intelligent, honest conservative should read from the Committee record his stammering contradictions of his own "philosophy."

Taft admitted that his substitute bill (S. 1581) was not insurance but free payments out of the public treasury for charity medical care for the poverty-stricken lower 20 per cent of the population. Pepper called this "socialism" since the government would be giving free service rather than a sound prepaid insurance program. To this Taft said that it "is not socialism" but the same old charity care which has dated from the "days of the poor house in England" and is "an essential part of a free enterprise system."

HOLLERS 'FREE MEDICINE'

Taft then made a complete about face and charged that the labor-supported Administration Bill was "free medicine." That was too much for Senator Humphrey who carefully pointed out that the bill provided for a payroll tax to pre-pay, on a sound insurance basis, against any medical or hospital needs for all people, rich or poor.

Taft amazed the committee by attacking the principle of insurance by saying insurance was not paying for a thing. "If you pay for a thing, you pay for it at the time you buy it." Of course that is the very essence of the bill, to allow small monthly payroll tax payments, so that a sudden whopping medical bill doesn't bankrupt the average worker . . . whose weekly paycheck averages only $52 a week even today.

MORE CONTRADICTION

Taft then completed his circle of contradiction by charging that in addition to the payroll tax the bill called for supplements from the federal treasury to care for those who couldn't pay and, therefore, it wasn't insurance . . . in spite of the fact that federal grants was exactly what he himself had proposed.

He clinched his argument by the illuminating statement that **medical care "is available today with adequacy" for those who can pay for it.** "You have socialized primary and secondary education . . . the Post Office is socialized . . . but I object to extending that socialized principle into the providing of medical care."

CONGRESSMEN PAY NOTHING

The average citizen will not get adequate medical insurance if Taft can help it, but what the average citizen doesn't know is that Senator Taft and all other members of the House and Senate get complete "free" medical attention at the taxpayers' expense. . . . They don't even have to pay payroll deduction. Ohio voters should remember this double standard and double talk of "Poor House" Taft in 1950.

Gas Line From Canada

News reports indicate that agreements are being drawn up whereby a gas pipeline will be built from Alberta, Canada, into Northern California, to provide an outlet for the big gas supply found in the Alberta region and a greater supply for industrial uses in California. Another big supply for Northern California will come via a 1600-mile, 34-inch, $150 million line to be built from fields in northern New Mexico and west Texas, coming up San Joaquin valley and terminating at Milpitas, near San Jose.

Green Urges Unions to Act On Housing

AFL union men and women in general and Building Tradesmen in particular were urged to communicate with their congressmen this week relative to the passage of Public Housing Bill H.R. 4009. It provides for public housing, slum clearance, housing research, and farm housing.

William Green, AFL president, said that in some respects this house bill was even better than one passed by the Senate recently.

Lowell Nelson, Central Labor Council secretary said that he would write to congressmen regarding the bill.

ACTION

Green pointed out that concerted action was necessary because the real estate lobby was leaving no stone unturned to bring about its defeat. Failing in this the lobby was expected to work for amendments which would emasculate the act.

"Keep in mind," Green said, "that the actual annual expenditure for this housing bill would amount to only about one per cent of the total federal expenditures. Every cent of this expense will go to provide decent housing for families now living in intolerable slum dwellings."

"I urge you to communicate immediately with your congressmen," Green continued, "informing him that organized labor is 100% behind the House sponsored Housing Bill."

Support of CARE Program Is Urged

(State Fed. Release)

The American Federation of Labor, the California State Federation of Labor, many local unions and individual members of organized labor throughout the state have given their support to the CARE program for sending food packages abroad. If this program of aid is to continue, year-round support is necessary. All members are asked to send their contributions to CARE-AFL Representative, 50 Broad Street, New York 4, New York.

In the event that members of local unions do not know a specific beneficiary, the AFL Labor League for Human Rights or the CARE AFL Representative will supply names of authenticated needy trade unionists, or you may simply designate that your contribution is to go to a member of such a group.

It is essential that trade unionists in this country show their interest and sympathy in a very direct and personal way in the trade union movement and in the welfare of the people of Europe, so that European democracy may be invigorated and strengthened, and so that a free people abroad can resume their rightful place in the forefront of civilization and can contribute once more to the security and welfare of the world.



WHETTING APPETITES AT UNION LABEL SHOW.—The delicate smell of baking bread and pastry draws visitors to this Bakery and Confectionery Workers' exhibit at the AFL Union Label Show in Cleveland's Public Hall. Below, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees show choice items of the culinary art.

Carpenter ROUNDUP

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SPECIAL NOTICE
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All carpenters employed by Stone & Webster Corp. on the constructionof the new steam generator plant for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. at Moss Landing are urged to become acquainted with the two stewards on this job and to consult with these stewards whenever any problem arises.

The stewards on the P. G. & E. job are C. ("Pete") Cremona and Ernest Bostick.

They are placed on the job as stewards for the purpose of serving the members of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas whenever any problem may arise. Their duty is to handle any work problems for the mutual benefit of the carpenters and the union.

These stewards are not on the job for the purpose of checking on the work you may do or on your abilities. Rather, they are there to act in your behalf as union representatives. Consult them if you have problems.

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Younger Bros. contracting firm has been awarded contract for the new Purity store at East Alisal and Hebbron streets in Salinas. Work will get started at once and will continue for nearly four months.

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ALL MEMBERS and their families may register to vote by contacting the headquarters of Carpenters Union 925 in Salinas. Elections come up from time to time and many people find themselves unable to vote because they've moved or failed to vote in the last general election. Register now!

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Four carpenters have been placed on the Sanborn School job, Leonard English of Santa Cruz, contractor. More are expected to be called as this project progresses.

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Nominations for officers of Carpenters Union 925 were opened at the meeting this week. Further nominations will be accepted at the meeting of Tuesday, June 21, and election will be held that night also. Please attend this next important meeting.

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Stolte, Inc., is starting construction of two more store buildings in the new business area on South Main St., in Salinas. Occupants of the new buildings have not been announced, according to Business Agent George R. Harter of Local No. 925.

DIEGO TUNA BEEF

San Diego. — The nation's major tuna packers have renewed their attempts to slash the earnings of AFL fishermen employed on the long-range tuna clippers. Without consulting the boat owners or the crews, the canneries have suddenly announced they will no longer guarantee the $340 a ton in effect since late 1947 for yellowfin tuna.

Green Visits Coast June 9

(State Fed. Release)

William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor will speak at the invitation of the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California on June 9, at Wheeler Hall, 8 p.m., in Berkeley. His topic will be "The Economics of Collective Bargaining," which is the subject of a series of lectures which has been sponsored by the Institute of Industrial Relations during the past year.

Other speakers on the program have been U. S. Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, Edwin Nourse, Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, Wallace F. Bennett, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, Walter Reuther, President of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, and Wayne Morse, U. S. Senator from Oregon. Professor Sumner H. Slichter of Harvard University also spoke on the program at the University of California in Los Angeles, but did not appear in Berkeley.

Federal Loans Urged To Help Co-op Housing

Washington.—A bill to provide direct federal loans to meet the housing needs of middle-income families was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Thomas H. Burke of Ohio.

The bill would establish a program of direct federal loans, at lower interest rates, to cooperatives and other types of nonprofit corporations and organizations who would provide housing for rental or for sale to members.

Designed to aid families which could afford $40 to $60 a month for housing, the bill has the support of many labor, veterans' and religious groups.

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